

## MINUTES

### STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Ladislaus B. Dombrowski Board Room  
John A. Hannah Building  
608 West Allegan  
Lansing, Michigan

June 12, 2007  
9:30 a.m.

Present: Mr. Michael P. Flanagan, Chairman  
Mrs. Kathleen N. Straus, President  
Mr. John C. Austin, Vice President  
Mrs. Carolyn L. Curtin, Secretary  
Mrs. Nancy Danhof, NASBE Delegate  
Mrs. Elizabeth Bauer  
Ms. Casandra Ulbrich  
Mrs. Sue Carnell, representing Governor Jennifer M. Granholm,  
ex officio

Absent: Mrs. Marianne Yared McGuire, Treasurer  
Mr. Reginald Turner

Also Present: Ms. Kim Kyff, 2006-2007 Michigan Teacher of the Year

### **REGULAR MEETING**

#### I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Flanagan called the meeting to order at 9:36 a.m.

#### II. INFORMATIONAL FOLDER ITEMS

- A. Special Education Advisory Committee Quick Notes and Reporting  
Formats – memorandum dated June 12, 2007

#### III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND ORDER OF PRIORITY

- A. 2007-2008 William F. Goodling Even Start Family Literacy Program  
and Grants – Initial and Continuation – added to agenda
- B. 2006-2007 Title 1 C Summer Migrant – Initial – added to agenda
- C. 2006-2007 Special Projects Grants Under Centers for Disease  
Control and Prevention – Initial – added to agenda

D. Approval of SBE/MDE Priorities for 2007-2008 – added to agenda

**Mrs. Bauer moved, seconded by Ms. Ulbrich, that the State Board of Education approve the agenda and order of priority, as modified.**

**Ayes: Austin, Bauer, Curtin, Straus, Ulbrich**

**Absent: Danhof, McGuire, Turner**

**The motion carried.**

IV. INTRODUCTION OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS,  
DEPARTMENT STAFF, AND GUESTS

Mrs. Eileen Hamilton, State Board Executive, introduced members of the State Board of Education, Department of Education staff, and guests attending the meeting.

Mrs. Hamilton said there are no new employees who have joined the Department since the May meeting, due to the hiring freeze.

Mrs. Danhof arrived at 9:40 a.m.

V. POINT OF THE DAY

Mr. Flanagan said at each State Board of Education meeting, a point of the day will be presented in order to generate awareness and be used as a starting point to determine progress being made in a particular area.

Mr. Martin Ackley, Director, Office of Communications, presented the Point of the Day – College Readiness of High School Students. He said ACT collaborated with institutions of higher learning across the country to establish benchmark ACT scores for predicting success in college courses as follows: English – 18, Algebra – 22, Social Science – 21, and Biology – 24. He said in Michigan the percentage of students meeting the scores are English – 70%, Algebra – 45%, Social Science – 56%, Biology – 32%, and 25% of Michigan students met all four benchmarks. He said Michigan students scored better than the national averages of English – 69%, Algebra – 42%, Social Science – 53%, Biology – 27%, and 21% of students nationally meeting all four benchmarks.

Mr. Flanagan said by showing the data it provides an opportunity to demonstrate to educators that progress needs to be made, and brings to light a chance for improvement. He said it is expected that achievement levels will increase as more students study these subject areas as a result of the high school graduation requirements.

VI. KATHLEEN STRAUS' TESTIMONY BEFORE THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND LABOR – SUBCOMMITTEE ON EARLY CHILDHOOD, ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION

Mr. Flanagan said Mrs. Straus testified on June 7, 2007, regarding Flexibility in the No Child Left Behind Act before the United States House of Representatives Committee on Education and Labor – Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary and Secondary Education. He said she represented the National Association of State Boards of Education as well as Michigan. A video clip of Mrs. Straus' testimony was shown. Mr. Flanagan said Mrs. Straus did an excellent job of testifying.

VII. ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION HONORING THE 2006-2007 MICHIGAN TEACHER OF THE YEAR

Mr. Flanagan asked for a motion to adopt the resolution honoring the 2006-2007 Michigan Teacher of the Year, Kimberly Kyff.

**Mrs. Straus moved, seconded by Mrs. Danhof, that the State Board of Education adopt the resolution attached to the Superintendent's memorandum dated May 28, 2007, honoring Kimberly Kyff, the 2006-2007 Michigan Teacher of the Year.**

**Ayes: Austin, Bauer, Curtin, Danhof, Straus, Ulbrich**  
**Absent: McGuire, Turner**

**The motion carried.**

The resolution honoring the 2006-2007 Michigan Teacher of the Year, Kimberly Kyff, is attached as Exhibit A.

VIII. ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION HONORING THE 2007-2008 MICHIGAN TEACHER OF THE YEAR

Mr. Flanagan asked for a motion to adopt the resolution honoring the 2007-2008 Michigan Teacher of the Year, June Teisan.

**Mrs. Curtin moved, seconded by Mr. Austin, that the State Board of Education adopt the resolution attached to the Superintendent's memorandum dated May 28, 2007, honoring June Teisan, the 2007-2008 Michigan Teacher of the Year.**

**Ayes: Austin, Bauer, Curtin, Danhof, Straus, Ulbrich**  
**Absent: McGuire, Turner**

**The motion carried.**

The resolution honoring the 2007-2008 Michigan Teacher of the Year, June Teisan, is attached as Exhibit B.

IX. ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION HONORING YVONNE CAAMAL CANUL

Mr. Flanagan asked for a motion to adopt the resolution honoring Yvonne Caamal Canul, upon her retirement from the Michigan Department of Education.

**Mrs. Danhof moved, seconded by Mrs. Straus, that the State Board of Education adopt the resolution honoring Yvonne Caamal Canul, as attached to the Superintendent's memorandum dated May 28, 2007.**

**Ayes: Austin, Bauer, Curtin, Danhof, Straus, Ulbrich**  
**Absent: McGuire, Turner**

**The motion carried.**

Mrs. Straus presented the resolution to Yvonne Caamal Canul. Mrs. Straus said Ms. Canul has organized conferences and presented important curriculum information to the field in a beneficial way, and she is leaving a vacancy that will be difficult to fill.

Mrs. Carnell said she is pleased to present the tribute from Governor Jennifer M. Granholm honoring Yvonne Caamal Canul's contributions to education for more than 30 years. She said the Office of School Improvement has benefited from her leadership, and she wishes her the best in her retirement.

Ms. Caamal Canul said all of the accomplishments are a result of a team effort in the Office of School Improvement, collaboration with partners, and the support of her colleagues.

The resolution honoring Yvonne Caamal Canul is attached as Exhibit C.

X. AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

A. 2007-2008 Michigan Teacher of the Year and Finalists

Ms. Jean Shane, Special Assistant, Awards and Recognitions, introduced Mrs. June Teisan, 2007-2008 Michigan Teacher of the Year. Ms. Shane said Mrs. Teisan is a seventh grade science teacher at Harper Woods Secondary School. They were joined at the table by Ms. Pam Harlin, MEEMIC Insurance Representative. Ms. Shane said MEEMIC Insurance is providing the use of a vehicle for Mrs. Teisan during her tenure as Teacher of the Year.

Ms. Shane said Mrs. Teisan is joined by her husband, Dan, and Harper Woods School District Superintendent Terri Spencer. A video clip of the May 21, 2007, surprise announcement was shown.

Mrs. Teisan said quality teaching matters so much in the lives of children. She said there are so many contributors behind the scenes who really care about the lives of children. She said she thanks all those involved, and she knows great things are going to happen this year.

Senator Martha Scott and Representative Edward Gaffney presented a Legislative Resolution to Mrs. Teisan in commemoration of her selection as the 2007-2008 Michigan Teacher of the Year.

Senator Scott said she is thankful for all Mrs. Teisan is doing to benefit children and she is proud to represent her.

Representative Gaffney said it is a great honor to pay tribute to a person who has the most important job in today's society – teaching our young people. He said he is proud of Mrs. Teisan and the community of Harper Woods for the value they place in education.

Mrs. Straus presented Mrs. Teisan with a lapel pin; Mrs. Bauer and Ms. Harlin presented her with a statue and base; Mr. Austin presented her with the resolution adopted by the State Board of Education; and Mrs. Carnell presented her with a tribute from Governor Jennifer M. Granholm.

Ms. Shane introduced the state finalists and their guests. She said Diane Bencik is the gifted and talented teacher at Wass Elementary School and Hill Elementary School in Troy; and she is joined by her husband, Bill; Barbara Fowler, Superintendent of Livonia Public Schools; Donald VanDenBerghe, Principal, Wass Elementary School; Janice Brzezinski, Principal, Hill Elementary School; and Christine Smedley and Jan McMullen, Future Problem Solvers.

Ms. Shane said Kim Hoke is a teacher at Pattengill Elementary School in Berkley; and she is joined by her husband, John; Nancy Campbell, Interim Superintendent; and Daryl Robbins, Principal.

Ms. Shane said Jeff Bradley, a teacher at Slauson Middle School in Ann Arbor, was on a field trip with his class and unable to attend the meeting.

Ms. Bencik and Ms. Hoke were presented with lapel pins and certificates from the State Board of Education.

Mr. Flanagan presented Terri Woods, Superintendent of Harper Woods Public Schools, with a plaque to be displayed in the new Harper Woods Secondary School in recognition of Mrs. Teisan's selection as the 2007-2008 Michigan Teacher of the Year.

XI. PRESENTATION ON MICHIGAN TEACHER OF THE YEAR PROGRAM

Ms. Kim Kyff, 2006-2007 Michigan Teacher of the Year, presented Michigan Teacher of the Year Highlights.

Ms. Kyff said she is joined by her mother Joanne Benjamin; her daughter, Jamie; and her niece, Amanda Benjamin. She said her other daughter, Kelly, is a teacher and unable to attend the meeting. She said her family has provided endless support and encouragement during the past year as she served as the Michigan Teacher of the Year.

Ms. Kyff said it has been her pleasure to visit schools, universities, and intermediate school districts throughout the state. She said when she visits she asks, "How are the children?" She said this is a traditional greeting by the African Masai tribe, and the response should be "The children are well." She said it is her hope that one day soon all of the children in Michigan, without exception will be well and thriving.

Ms. Kyff said her participation in the Education Policy Fellowship Program (EPFP) has been one of the most beneficial experiences. She said she has experienced tremendous growth as a leader, and great networking opportunities within the Department and with other states. She said her eyes were opened to necessary changes educators need to make to continue to keep public education viable in Michigan. She said she found John Austin's November EPFP presentation on Renewing the Great Lakes Region refreshing.

Ms. Kyff said the support she received from the Board, Department staff, and the Network of Michigan Educators made a daunting task seem doable.

Ms. Kyff said we must ensure that a highly qualified, effective teacher teaches every child. She said she encourages the Board to continue to reinforce teaching as being among the noblest of pursuits.

Ms. Kyff thanked Ms. Jean Shane for her tireless work on behalf of Michigan educators to elevate the teaching profession through recognition programs.

Mrs. Straus presented Ms. Kyff with the resolution adopted by the Board. Mrs. Straus said Ms. Kyff has provided insightful and valuable comments at the Board table, and she thanked her for a successful tenure as the 2006-2007 Michigan Teacher of the Year.

Mrs. Carnell, on behalf of Governor Jennifer M. Granholm, congratulated Ms. Kyff on a job well done as she represented Michigan teachers during the past year.

Mr. Austin said he appreciated the thoughtful wisdom that Ms. Kyff contributed during discussions of the Board on a variety of policy issues.

XII. PERSONAL PRIVILEGE – MICHAEL P. FLANAGAN

Mr. Flanagan said that Kristen McDonald has accepted the position of Senior Program Officer for Education at the Skillman Foundation, and she will be leaving the Department in July. He said in the short time she's been with the Department she has made a tremendous contribution. He said she has a great mind and a great heart, and he wishes her well in this new endeavor.

XIII. RECESS

The Board recessed the Regular Meeting at 10:35 a.m.

Ms. Kyff left the meeting at 10:35 a.m.

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING**

XIV. Mr. Flanagan called the Committee of the Whole Meeting to order at 10:50 a.m.

XV. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Presentation on State Board of Education/Michigan Department of Education Priorities for 2007-2008

Mr. Flanagan led the discussion.

The priorities and major activities presented are based on discussion and consensus from the April State Board of Education Retreat.

Board member comments and *staff clarifications* included:

1. explore ways to find evidence that high school reform is taking root at the district level and celebrate the success; oversight of relevance, relationships, and rigor at the district level – *this is contained in the first priority, number 5;*
2. page two, third priority – be open to the possibility of other statewide collaborative partnerships with groups and organizations in addition to intermediate school districts – *need Board dialogue regarding possibilities for collaborative ventures;*

3. add "other topics discussed at retreat" to the document – *this will be added to the document;*
4. page two, fourth priority, major activity 5 – need clarity of term "redesign" to include rigorous criteria for SB-CEUs – *this is a priority of the Administrative Services Projects Committee as part of "darkening the dotted lines" partnership;*
5. professional development and lifelong learning for current teachers regarding the new high school graduation requirements – *add 6<sup>th</sup> major activity under the fourth priority to address this; and*
6. define excellence and determine what it takes to fund excellence.

There was Board consensus to discuss a revised document later during the Regular Meeting.

B. Guidelines on Awarding Academic Credit in Career and Technical Education, Humanities, and Other Delivery Models

The following individuals presented:

- MaryAlice Galloway, Assistant to the Chief Academic Officer
- Patty Cantu, Director, Career and Technical Education Services, Department of Labor and Economic Growth

Mr. Flanagan said the Office of Career and Technical Education will transfer to the Michigan Department of Education from the Department of Labor and Economic Growth on July 1, 2007, as a result of Executive Order 2007-4. He said he is pleased to welcome them back to the Department of Education.

This document was prepared in response to many requests from school administrators and from career and technical education program staff about awarding academic credit. The document was created with input from the Office of Career and Technical Preparation, the Office of School Improvement, and with Career and Technical Education Directors.

This was a presentation only and no action was required.

Board member comments and *staff clarifications* included:

1. emphasis on collaborative teaching is to be commended, and should be done in all areas of public education;
2. would a district know that a portfolio can be used for assessment – *that can be made more explicit*;
3. would a collaborative model work in teaching languages other than English – *Languages Other Than English Guidelines need to be reviewed to answer that question*;
4. highly qualified teachers supervise paraprofessionals in the special education model and perhaps that method could be used for Languages Other Than English;
5. can students earn credit by testing out – *clarification is contained in “Michigan Merit Curriculum Frequently Asked Questions” on the Department website; testing out has generated many questions and a small informational document may be needed; and*
6. how is CTE receiving these guidelines – *they have provided input and they are enthusiastically embracing the guidelines; it is also an excellent way to start dialogue with academic instructors and assist them in adding relevance in their daily teaching.*

C. Guidelines for Using Personal Curriculum Modification

The following individuals presented

- MaryAlice Galloway, Assistant to the Chief Academic Officer
- Betty Underwood, Assistant Director, Office of School Improvement

This document was prepared by a work group of local administrators, counselors and educators to provide guidance in the use of a personal curriculum modification. The Michigan Merit standard requirements for graduation allow for the use of a personal curriculum to modify some portions of the graduation requirements. The guidelines document provides a description for implementing this provision of the statute. The guidelines will be posted for review on the Michigan Department of Education website.

This was a presentation only and no action was required.

Board member comments and *staff clarifications* included:

1. if a middle school student takes advanced mathematics courses prior to ninth grade, does it fulfill the requirement – *if it is the same class material, same assessment, and same passing cut score as the high school class, then the student will receive credit;*
2. if a student has a personal curriculum modification will it be noted on the diploma – *the spirit of the legislation is that it would not inhibit a district from issuing the diploma; technically it is up to the district to determine whether it would be noted on the diploma;*
3. page 3, "Allowable Modifications to go Beyond Academic Requirements," – *this is language from the legislation; and*
4. page 10, subsection (m) of the legislation regarding specialty schools under section 1278a(5) – *currently there is one school, University Preparatory Academy, that has applied to be a specialty school and it is exempt from requesting a personal curriculum modification for every student; this allows approved specialty schools flexibility to determine what works.*

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

The Board adjourned the Committee of the Whole at 12:00 p.m. and reconvened the Regular Meeting at 1:04 p.m.

**REGULAR MEETING**

XVII. APPROVAL OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES

- A. Approval of Minutes of Committee of the Whole and Regular Meeting of May 8, 2007

**Mrs. Bauer moved, seconded by Mrs. Danhof, that the State Board of Education approve the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole and Regular Meeting of May 8, 2007.**

**Ayes: Austin, Bauer, Curtin, Danhof, Straus, Ulbrich  
Absent: McGuire, Turner**

**The motion carried.**

## XVIII. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

### A. Testimony on Flexibility of No Child Left Behind and Interstate Migrant Council

Mrs. Straus said she received a letter of invitation to testify before the United States House of Representatives Committee on Education and Labor – Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary and Secondary Education. She said the letter was from Congressman George Miller, Chair, United States House of Representatives Committee on Education and Labor; and Congressman Dale Kildee, Chair, Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary and Secondary Education. She said she testified on June 7, 2007, on behalf of the National Association of State Boards of Education as well as the State of Michigan, regarding flexibility in the No Child Left Behind Act. She said she was part of a panel which included Rick Melmer, Secretary, South Dakota Department of Education, and the incoming President of the Council of Chief State School Officers; Carol Johnson, Superintendent, Memphis City Schools; Chester E. Finn, Jr., President, Thomas B. Fordham Foundation; and Jack Jennings, President, Center on Education Policy. She said it was a wonderful experience to testify.

Mrs. Straus said, while in Washington, she also attended the quarterly meeting of the Interstate Migrant Education Council with Ms. Roberta Stanley, Director, Administrative Law and Federal Relations. Mrs. Straus said the meeting was very informative with excellent presenters and dedicated members.

Mrs. Straus said she met Frank Ettawageshik, Tribal Chairman, Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians, who told her that he and his colleagues appreciate the work of the Board and the Department in developing guidelines for languages other than English. He said members of his tribe are becoming certified to teach their native language.

### B. Michigan Teacher of the Year Notification

Mrs. Straus said she and Mrs. Bauer joined Mr. Flanagan in Harper Woods on May 21, 2007, to make the surprise notification to Mrs. June Teisan, as the 2006-2007 Michigan Teacher of the Year.

### C. Michigan Economic Education Council

Mrs. Straus said she attended the annual meeting of the Michigan Economic Education Council where teachers were honored for infusing economic education into the curriculum, and making it relevant to students.

D. Detroit Parent Network

Mrs. Straus said she, Mrs. Bauer, and Mrs. Carnell attended the Legislative Breakfast of the Detroit Parent Network on June 11 which was hosted by Mr. Turner and Representative Tim Melton, Chair of the Michigan House Education Committee.

She said the Network presented its legislative agenda, which is similar to the Board's strategic goal and priorities. She said the Network has more than 400 members. Mrs. Straus shared a copy of its legislative agenda.

E. Blue Ribbon School Presentation

Mrs. Straus said she presented the final Blue Ribbon School Award of the season to Washington Elementary School in Sault Ste. Marie on May 18, 2007. She said this was the first elementary school in the Upper Peninsula to receive the Blue Ribbon School Award, and the community was very excited and proud of the school's accomplishments.

F. Public Broadcasting System Special on Education

Mrs. Straus said on May 18, 2007, she participated in a television taping of a Michigan public broadcasting system show on education. She said she was a panelist with Senator Mickey Switalski; Representative Brian Palmer; and David Martell, Associate Executive Director of the Michigan School Business Officials; and Tim Skubick was the moderator.

XIX. PERSONAL PRIVILEGE – MRS. SUE C. CARNELL

Mrs. Carnell presented a tribute to Mrs. Straus from Governor Jennifer Granholm recognizing Mrs. Straus for receiving the Michigan Volunteer Champion Service Educator Award from Serve Michigan and being a champion for education.

XX. REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Reports

H. Report on Modifications to the Previously Approved Midland County Educational Service Agency Plan for the Delivery of Special Education Programs and Services

I. Report on the Mecosta-Osceola Intermediate School District Plan for the Delivery of Special Education Programs and Services

- J. Report on a Modification to the Previously Approved Clinton County Regional Educational Service Agency Plan for the Delivery of Special Education Programs and Services

Grants

- K. 2005-2006 NCLB – Title II-A – Initial
- L. 2006-2007 Section 57 – Advanced and Accelerated – Initial
- M. 2006-2007 Implementation Grant Application for Charter School Grant Program – Continuation
- N. 2006-2007 Reading First – Amendment
- O. 2007-2008 Title I Technical Assistance Grant – Initial and Continuation
- P. 2006-2007 Title III, English Language Acquisition Program – Final
- Q. 2006-2007 Title I Technical Assistance Grant – Amendment
- R. 2006-2007 Expansion Grants for Sponsoring Organization of Day Care Homes – Initial
- S. 2005-2006 Freedom to Learn (FTL) – Amendment
- T. 2007-2008 Special Projects Grants Under Centers for Disease Control and Prevention – Initial
- DD. 2007-2008 William F. Goodling Even Start Family Literacy Program Grants – Initial and Continuation
- EE. 2006-2007 Title 1 C, Summer Migrant – Initial
- FF. 2007-2008 Special Projects Grants Under Centers for Disease Control and Prevention – Initial

Mr. Flanagan provided a verbal report on:

- A. John Austin's Appointment to the Midwest Higher Education Compact

Mr. Flanagan said John Austin has been appointed to the Midwest Higher Education Compact. He said it is one of four interstate compacts in the nation devoted to improving the quality of higher education in its region. He said it is the Midwest's largest interstate resource-sharing commission for higher education. He said other

members include Representative Pam Byrnes; Lieutenant Governor John Cherry, Jr.; Ferris State University President David Eisler; Schoolcraft College President Conway Jeffress; Senator Tony Stamas; Association of Independent Colleges and Universities of Michigan President Edward Blews, Jr.; and President's Council State Universities of Michigan Executive Director Mike Boulus.

B. State Employee Pay Cut

Mr. Flanagan said the press is reporting that a Senator is calling for state employees to take further reductions to balance the budget. He said if reductions occur they should be shared by all public servants and also the business community. He said hard-working state employees should not bear the entire burden.

C. Special Education Hearings

Mr. Flanagan said there has been misunderstanding regarding the proposed changes to the state's Special Education Rules. He said the proposed rule changes are not meant to limit or cut services. He said the purpose is to avoid discrimination against students not in a specific group of disabilities that automatically gets placed in an Extended School Year program. He said federal regulations are explicit that the program cannot be limited by disability category, type, or duration of service. He said he is directing Department staff to strengthen state standards for the Individualized Education Program and for local districts to offer the Extended School Year program to all eligible students. He said he urges people to attend the public hearings and offer their comments. He said this is not an attempt to save money during the state's budget crisis as has been suggested by some.

Mrs. Straus suggested that public hearings occur at intermediate school districts in conjunction with the "darkening the dotted lines" project, and she inquired about additional sites for public hearings since she has received complaints from people who have just been informed of the hearings. After discussion, Mr. Flanagan said this suggestion will be taken into consideration when planning future public hearings. Ms. Elaine Madigan, Executive Director, School Finance and School Law, said the 60 day written public comment period expires on July 20, 2007.

Mrs. Bauer asked if Mr. Flanagan can direct schools to notify parents of public hearings. Mr. Flanagan said he will encourage school personnel to notify parents.

XXI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

- A. Ms. Lisa Kowalski, Rochester Hills, Michigan. Ms. Kowalski, representing Oakland Schools Parent Advisory Committee and Oakland County Chapter of the Autism Society, provided verbal and written comments on Special Education hearings.
- B. Ms. Shari Krishnan, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan. Ms. Krishnan shared a picture of her son and verbal comments on Special Education hearings.
- C. Mrs. Mary T. Wood, Warren, Michigan. Mrs. Wood provided verbal and written comments regarding the public school academy authorization process.
- D. Ms. Donna Bletch, Fraser, Michigan. Ms. Bletch provided comments on Special Education hearings and the extended school year.
- E. Ms. Carol Shepard, Plymouth, Michigan. Ms. Shepard provided comments and written material regarding the Burger School for Students with Autism.
- F. Ms. Christina Bair, Canton, Michigan. Ms. Bair provided comments and written material on the Burger School for Students with Autism.
- G. Ms. Gina Ebner, Plymouth, Michigan. Ms. Ebner provided comments on the Burger School for Students with Autism.
- H. Ms. Lisa Cieri, Dearborn, Michigan. Ms. Cieri provided comments on the Burger School for Students with Autism.
- I. Ms. Heather Noble, Garden City, Michigan. Ms. Noble provided comments on the Burger School for Students with Autism.
- J. Ms. Kelly Hodorek, Dearborn, Michigan. Ms. Hodorek provided comments on the Burger School for Students with Autism.
- K. Ms. Colleen Polin, Plymouth Michigan. Ms. Polin provided comments on the Burger School for Students with Autism.
- L. Ms. Anne Bannister, Ann Arbor, Michigan. Ms. Bannister, representing Personal Finance Education Services, Inc., provided comments and written material on personal finance education as part of economics.

- M. Ms. Rosella Bannister, Ann Arbor, Michigan. Ms. Bannister, representing Bannister Financial Education Services, Inc., provided comments and written material on personal finance education as part of economics.
- N. Mr. Fred Wurtzel, Lansing, Michigan. Mr. Wurtzel provided comments on Camp Tuhsmeheeta.

XXII. PERSONAL PRIVILEGE – MR. MICHAEL P. FLANAGAN

Mr. Flanagan asked Dr. Jacquelyn Thompson, Director, Office of Special Education and Early Intervention Services, to provide clarification on the Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency (RESA) Plan for the Delivery of Special Education Programs and Services as it relates to the Burger School for Students with Autism. Dr. Thompson said in December, 2006, in accordance with Rule 340.1832, Wayne RESA requested and the Superintendent of Public Instruction approved Modifications to the Previously Approved Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency Plan for the Delivery of Special Education Programs and Services. She said the State Board of Education received notification at its January meeting.

Dr. Thompson said the Wayne RESA modification allows flexibility for an increase of class size ratio of 7 students, 1 teacher, and 2 aides. She said the previous ratio was 5 students, 1 teacher, and 1 aide. She said this will not necessarily occur in every classroom and it is consistent with other modifications approved in districts across the state.

Dr. Thompson said there is a rapid increase in the identification of students with autism, and there has not been a proportionate increase in the number of certified teachers endorsed for students with autism.

Dr. Thompson said there is an administrative rule that allows the filing of an objection to an intermediate school district plan, and no objections have been filed regarding the modification of the Wayne RESA plan. She said "Intermediate School District Plan Objection Hearing Procedures" are available on the Department's website.

Mrs. Bauer suggested that modifications to special education plans under Report of the Superintendent include bullet points listing what has been modified such as class size, or teacher certification. Mr. Flanagan said that suggestion will be implemented.

XXIII. ELECTION OF 2008 NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF STATE BOARDS OF  
EDUCATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Mrs. Danhof, National Association of State Boards of Education Delegate, presented Election of 2008 National Association of State Boards of Education Board of Directors.

Mrs. Danhof said she is recommending support of Greg Haws from Utah for Secretary-Treasurer and Clinton Waara from South Dakota for Central Area Director. She said both are unopposed.

Mrs. Danhof said she is not willing to support Kenneth Willard from Kansas who is unopposed for President-elect. After discussion, there was consensus that the Board will send a letter to the National Association of State Boards of Education stating the belief that this year's process has been deeply flawed.

Mrs. Straus said that although other states have abstained from voting, she is suggesting that Michigan take a position by voting for James Carignan from Maine for President-elect. She said she respects Mr. Carignan based on his leadership as Chair of the Civic Education Study Group.

**Mr. Austin moved, seconded by Mrs. Bauer, that the State Board of Education cast a ballot for James Carignan from Maine for President-elect, Greg Haws from Utah for Secretary-Treasurer, and Clinton Waara from South Dakota for Central Area Director of the National Association of State Boards of Education Board of Directors, with a letter from President Straus and NASBE Delegate Mrs. Danhof regarding the deeply flawed nature of the process and a recommendation to the National Association of State Boards of Education to reconsider the process.**

**Ayes: Austin, Bauer, Curtin, Danhof, Straus, Ulbrich  
Absent: McGuire, Turner**

**The motion carried.**

The letter to Brenda Welburn, Executive Director, National Association of State Boards of Education from Kathleen Straus and Nancy Danhof dated June 25, 2007 is attached as Exhibit D.

XXIV. APPROVAL OF 2005-2006 POSTSECONDARY ENROLLMENT OPTIONS  
REPORT

Ms. Yvonne Caamal Canul, Director, Office of School Improvement; and Ms. Betty Underwood, Interim Director, Office of School Improvement; presented Approval of 2005-2006 Postsecondary Enrollment Options Report.

Ms. Yvonne Caamal Canul said the Michigan Postsecondary Enrollment Options Act of 1996 and the Career Technical Preparation Act of 2000 require that a report be prepared annually for the House and Senate Fiscal Agencies and the Department of Management and Budget regarding the status of dual enrollment in the state. She said more students are eligible for dual enrollment; however the percentage of eligible students participating in dual enrollment has decreased. She said the decrease may be attributed to additional options such as early college, middle college, advanced placement courses, and international baccalaureate programs.

**Mr. Austin moved, seconded by Mrs. Straus, that the State Board of Education approve the 2005-2006 Postsecondary Enrollment Options Report, as attached to the Superintendent's memorandum dated May 28, 2007.**

Mr. Austin said all forms of early college credit have multiple benefits for the student and the future of Michigan. He said he hopes the Board will find ways to increase the number of students participating in postsecondary enrollment options, achieving college credit, and attaining postsecondary credentials.

Mrs. Carnell asked if the annual report is based on one year or a five year period. Ms. Caamal Canul said it is aggregate data over a five-year period.

Mrs. Carnell asked if there is a breakdown of dual enrollment data for career and technical education. Ms. Caamal Canul said it will be provided to Mrs. Carnell and added to future reports.

Mrs. Danhof asked how considerations listed on pages 4 and 5 of the report will be acted upon. Ms. Caamal Canul said the Office of School Improvement staff has created communications and initiatives actively promoting dual enrollment and addressing the perceptions of which students are able to be successful in college-level courses. Mrs. Carnell said one of the goals of the National Governors Association Honor State Grant program is to expand opportunities for early college credit, including advanced placement, international baccalaureate and dual enrollment. She said the recommendations in the report work well with Michigan's legislative agenda, and the Board's policy recommendations, and recommendations to the Legislature regarding early college credit.

Mr. Austin asked for clarification regarding funding for dual enrollment as it relates the National Governors Association Honor State Grant program. Mrs. Carnell said she would provide clarification at a later date.

Mrs. Straus said she received a mailing from the Southern Regional Education Board that includes data that may inform the discussion regarding funding for such programs.

Mrs. Bauer said she has heard that some four year universities do not accept dual enrollment courses from a community college. Mrs. Straus said this has been a topic of discussion at the meetings of the National Governors Association Honor State Grants Leadership Team. Ms. Caamal Canul said future reports could contain disaggregate data to show what colleges are accepting dual enrollment credits.

The vote was taken on the motion.

**Ayes: Austin, Bauer, Curtin, Danhof, Straus, Ulbrich**  
**Absent: McGuire, Turner**

**The motion carried.**

XXV. STATE LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Ms. Lisa Hansknecht, Legislative Director, presented State Legislative Update.

Ms. Hansknecht said the House Education Committee met the morning of June 12 to hear testimony on Senate Bill 70 which is an extension of the deadline to July 1, 2008 for the reading diagnostic requirement for teachers.

Ms. Hansknecht said the House Education Committee also heard testimony on Senate Bill 403 regarding high school graduation requirement modifications for students transferring to Michigan with at least two years of high school credit from another state or private school. She said no votes were taken.

Ms. Hansknecht said the tobacco securitization portion of the fiscal year 2007 budget passed the Senate during the June 12 morning session, and is in the House for concurrence.

Ms. Hansknecht said Senate Bill 194 has passed the House and been ordered enrolled. She said the bill permits the use of state school aid funds for the education of individuals committed to a high or medium security juvenile facility operated by the Department of Human Services.

Ms. Hansknecht said there is pending legislation on anti-bullying, teacher certification and teacher preparation program fees awaiting action in the Senate Education Committee, and she will be sending Board members talking points. She said it would be helpful for Board members to request that the bills be taken up and also offer testimony.

XXVI. APPROVAL OF SBE/MDE PRIORITIES FOR 2007-2008

A revised document based on the revisions discussed during the Committee of the Whole was distributed.

Further discussion resulted in additional revisions.

Mr. Flanagan said the focus will be on these priorities for the next year, and progress will be made, however all objectives may not be accomplished within the next year.

**Mr. Austin moved, seconded by Mrs. Danhof, that the State Board of Education approve the State Board of Education/Michigan Department of Education Strategic Plan including the Strategic Goal, Priorities, and Major Activities, as attached to the Superintendent's memorandum dated May 28, 2007, and modified by the Board.**

**Ayes: Austin, Bauer, Curtin, Danhof, Straus, Ulbrich  
Absent: McGuire, Turner**

**The motion carried.**

State Board of Education/Michigan Department of Education Strategic Plan including the Strategic Goal, Priorities, and Major Activities is attached as Exhibit E.

XXVII. CONSENT AGENDA

Mrs. Danhof requested that items X and CC be removed from the Consent Agenda.

Approval

- X. Approval of the Proposed Performance Level Change Designations for Grades 3-8 MEAP and MI-Access Functional Independence Assessments

Criteria

- Y. Approval of Criteria for the 2007-2008 Title II, Part D Enhancing Education Through Technology (EETT) Competitive Grants

Resolutions

- Z. Adoption of Resolution Regarding Michigan School Bus Safety Week

AA. Adoption of Resolution Honoring Susan M. Howell

Appointment

BB. Approval of Nominations to the Special Education Advisory Committee

CC. Approval of Appointment of Members to State Board of Education  
Professional Standards Commission for Teachers Advisory Group

**Mrs. Bauer moved, seconded by Mrs. Ulbrich, that the State Board of Education approve the Superintendent's recommendations for the consent agenda, as follows:**

- X. (This item was removed from the consent agenda and placed under discussion);**
- Y. approve the criteria for the 2007-2008 Enhancing Education Through Technology competitive grant programs, as attached to the Superintendent's memorandum dated June 5, 2007;**
- Z. adopt the resolution regarding Michigan School Bus Safety Week, October 22-26, 2007, as attached to the Superintendent's memorandum dated May 28, 2007;**
- AA. adopt the resolution honoring Susan Howell, as attached to the Superintendent's memorandum dated May 28, 2007;**
- BB. approve the nominees listed in Attachment B of the Superintendent's memorandum dated May 28, 2007 and appoint those individuals to serve as members of the Special Education Advisory Committee for the respective terms specified; and**
- CC. (This item was removed from the consent agenda and placed under discussion).**

The vote was taken on the motion.

**Ayes: Austin, Bauer, Curtin, Danhof, Straus, Ulbrich**  
**Absent: McGuire, Turner**

**The motion carried.**

The resolution regarding Michigan School Bus Safety Week is attached as Exhibit F.

The resolution honoring Susan M. Howell is attached as Exhibit G.

XXVIII. APPROVAL OF THE PROPOSED PERFORMANCE LEVEL CHANGE DESIGNATIONS FOR GRADES 3-8 MEAP AND MI-ACCESS FUNCTIONAL INDEPENDENCE ASSESSMENTS

This item was removed from the Consent Agenda and placed under discussion.

Dr. Edward Roeber, Senior Executive Director, Office of Educational Assessment and Accountability; and Dr. Joseph Martineau, Manager, General Assessment, Office of Educational Assessment and Accountability; presented Approval of the Proposed Performance Level Change Designations for Grades 3-8 MEAP and MI-Access Functional Independence Assessments.

Mrs. Danhof said she requested that the item be removed from the consent agenda, because the term "value-added" has a nationally accepted interpretation that the value added to a student's growth is solely attributed to the teacher. She said it is not the same meaning intended in this document.

Dr. Roeber said it is important to communicate clearly and accurately with the public; therefore, the term "value-added" will be deleted in the document.

**Mr. Austin moved, seconded by Mrs. Danhof, that the State Board of Education approve the proposed performance level change designations and use these designations in reporting the MEAP and MI -Access Functional Independence results beginning with the 2007-2008 school year, as shown in figures 1 and 2 of the Superintendent's memorandum dated May 28, 2007, and as modified by the Board.**

The vote was taken on the motion.

**Ayes: Austin, Bauer, Curtin, Danhof, Straus, Ulbrich  
Absent: McGuire, Turner**

**The motion carried.**

XXIX. APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO STATE BOARD OF  
EDUCATION PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS COMMISSION FOR TEACHERS  
ADVISORY GROUP

This item was removed from the Consent Agenda and placed under Discussion.

**Mrs. Straus moved, seconded by Mrs. Bauer, that the State Board of Education approve the appointments of Michael S. Hutto, Eileen Lappin Weiser; Jeanine M. Clever; Greg Johnson; Lawrence L. Ridley, Jr.; and Albert J. Lewandowski to the Professional Standards Commission for Teachers for a four-year term ending June 30, 2011, as discussed in the Superintendent's memorandum dated May 28, 2007.**

Mrs. Danhof said she requested that the item be removed from the consent agenda, because she had previously requested that the educational philosophy statement be changed to a statement of philosophy of what teachers need to know and be able to do.

Dr. Jenkins said "philosophy of education" was changed to "teaching philosophy," but this did not capture the intent. She said she will request that the nominees revise their statements and resubmit them by June 30, 2007, in time for presentation at the August 14, 2007, Board meeting. She said the first meeting of the Commission is scheduled for September 20, 2007.

Mrs. Bauer asked for clarification of attendance as listed on Attachment C. Dr. Jenkins said she will provide clarification.

**Mrs. Straus withdrew her motion, Mrs. Bauer her support.**

This item will be scheduled for presentation at the August Board meeting.

XXX. COMMENTS BY STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS

A. Hats Off – Mrs. Nancy Danhof

Mrs. Danhof said she attended the Hats Off Breakfast at the Kellogg Center on May 19, 2007, with 200 middle school students who scored the highest in the state on the American College Test or Scholastic Assessment Test. She said the students were with their teacher of choice who had most influenced them.

XXXI. JULY STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

**Mr. Austin moved, seconded by Mrs. Curtin, that the July 10, 2007 State Board of Education meeting be cancelled.**

**Ayes: Austin, Bauer, Curtin, Danhof, Straus, Ulbrich  
Absent: McGuire, Turner**

**The motion carried.**

XXXII. FUTURE MEETING DATES

- A. ~~July 10, 2007~~ (July meeting is cancelled.)
- B. August 14, 2007
- C. September 11, 2007
- D. October 9, 2007

XXXIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn L. Curtin  
Secretary